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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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US COAST GUARD BOSTON MASS

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TAGS: SNAR, HO

SUBJECT: RELEASE TO HONDURAS GOVERNMENT OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING  
VESSELS

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 0530 (DTG 301911Z JAN 78)(NOTAL), (B) DEA 3788  
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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE FROM HONDURAS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS (MFA) REQUESTING RELEASE OF THE HONDURAS FLAG VESSEL  
JULIANA I TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS. THIS VESSEL HAS  
BEEN IN US COAST GUARD CUSTODY IN BOSTON SINCE ITS DETENTION  
IN SEPTEMBER 1977 FOR CARRYING MARIJUANA. US COAST GUARD  
DETAINED IT IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS TO HOLD FOR PROSECUTION UNDER  
HONDURAS LAWS.

2. IN REFTEL A THE EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVICE ON HOW GOH  
SHOULD PROCEED TO TAKE CUSTODY OF JULIANA I AND TWO VESSELS  
SIMILARLY DETAINED IN MIAMI. DEA REPLY IN REFTEL B ADVISED  
THAT GOH MAY ADDRESS A LETTER TO JAMES E TOWNSEND, US  
CUSTOMS, MIAMI, REQUESTING RELEASE OF THE YOSURU AND JOSE  
GREGORIO. THIS REPLY DID NOT ADVISE REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR  
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RELEASE OF JULIANA I IN BOSTON. RELEASE OF YOSURU AND  
JOSE GREGORIO HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO US CUSTOMS (MIAMI)  
REQUEST THAT COPY OF HONDURAS' LAW UNDER WHICH THE VESSELS  
CONFISCATED BE PRESENTED WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER.

3. LIEUTENANT CANO OF HONDURAS NAVY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT  
UPON CONTACTING US COAST GUARD IN BOSTON RECENTLY, HE WAS

ADVISED BY A CAPTAIN FLANIGAN THAT IT NEEDS ONLY A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTING USCG TO RELEASE THE JULIANA I, TO CUSTODY OF HONDURAS OFFICIALS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE USCG BOSTON, AND/OR OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CUSTODY OF JULIANA I, WITH NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE THIS VESSEL TO GOH OFFICIALS. ALSO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE WHETHER GOH OFFICIALS SHOULD PRESENT ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SECURE RELEASES AS WAS THE CASE WITH US CUSTOMS IN MIAMI. THE LATTER'S UNEXPECTED REQUIREMENT OF COPY OF APPLICABLE HONDURAS LAW HAS CAUSED GOH ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSE AND DOCKING CHARGES, NOT TO MENTION DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RESULTANT DELAY.  
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